



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

D.T.E. 06-9

February 6, 2006

Petition of Boston Gas Company, Colonial Gas Company, and Essex Gas Company, each d/b/a KeySpan Energy Delivery New England, for approval, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94A, of a natural gas asset optimization service contract with KeySpan Corporate Services, LLC and Merrill Lynch Commodities, Inc.

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Boston Gas Company, Colonial Gas Company, and Essex Gas Company, each d/b/a KeySpan Energy Delivery New England (collectively, "KeySpan" or "Company"), have filed a petition with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") for approval, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 94A, of a natural gas asset optimization service contract with KeySpan Corporate Services, LLC and Merrill Lynch Commodities, Inc. If approved, the agreement would take effect April 1, 2006, for a three-year period terminating on March 31, 2009.

The Department will conduct a public hearing on Monday, February 27, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. to allow interested persons the opportunity to comment on the Company's petition. The hearing will take place at the Department's offices, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

The Company's petition is available for public inspection at the Department's offices Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Additionally, the Company shall make copies of its filing available for inspection between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the offices of 52 Second Street, Waltham, Massachusetts 02451. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact Cheryl Kimball, Esq., of Keegan Werlin LLP, at (617) 951-1400. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Jesse S. Reyes, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, at (617) 305-3500.

Any person who desires to file written comments or to participate otherwise in this proceeding shall submit an original and five (5) copies of such written comments, or petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding, with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of

Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, February 24, 2006.

A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

All nonproprietary written pleadings, comments, or petitions to intervene must also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and Jesse.Reyes@state.ma.us; or (2) on a 3.5" floppy disk or CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding, D.T.E. 06-9; (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing should also include the name, title, and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be formatted as either Word Perfect, Microsoft Word, or Adobe PDF compatible files. Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. All comments submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's web site: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.